

Appl. No.  
Amdt. dated December 11, 2003  
Preliminary Amendment

PATENT

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

With this amendment, new claims 43-45 are pending. Support for these claims is found throughout the specification, *e.g.*, at page 33, lines 1-5, and at SEQ ID NO :10 of the informal sequence listing. Support for fusion proteins is found in the application at, for example, page 40, lines 3-9. These amendments add no new matter.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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